GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
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COAL PRODUCTION BY SURFACE MINERS
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal production is undertaken by surface miners in subsidiaries of Coal India Limited (CIL) particularlyMahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL);

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and as on February 28, 2002, subsidiary-wise;

(c) whether the subsidiaries of the CIL and the power plants have got any agreement for production of 4 inch sized coal;

(d) if so, the reasons for loading of coal by pay loader in place of coal surface mining in the MCL despite the agreement in this regard;

(e) if so, whether this process results in small particles of coal causing pollution and loss to the company; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check it?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL & MINES (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a)&(b): Coal production is undertaken by surface miners in one subsidiary of Coal India Limited namely Mahanadi Coalfields Limited. The details of production are as under:-

(in million tonnes)

1999-2000	1.844
2000-2001	6.084
2001-2002 (upto February)	6.935

(c): There is no agreement on production. But in the coal supply agreement with State Electricity Boards, normally the top size of coal to be supplied to power plants is limited to (-) 250 mm. However, in the case of agreement with Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corporation Limited, MCL has agreed to make efforts for supply of (-) 100 mm size coal.

(d): There is no agreement for coal loading by surface miner in MCL.

(e) &(f): Do not arise in view of reply to part (d) above.